

Remarks

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-24 and 49, directed to non-elected invention, are canceled, and new claims 50 and 51 are presented.

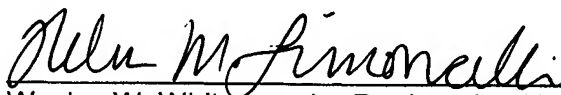
New claim 50 is similar to original independent claim 25, but merely removes the specific means of administration recited in claim 25, i.e. "enterically." Support for this amendment can be found in the Application at ¶[0036] ("useful in *prophylaxis* or treatment (emphasis added)). The methods according the present Application are suitable for a mammal "in need of nutritional support," to whatever degree. See Application at ¶[0065].

Likewise, new claim 51 similarly removes the specific means of administration, as in claim 50, and amends the expression of intended use recited in claim 25, i.e. method for "reducing energy deficit" is changed to "maintaining health." Support for this amendment can be found in the Application at ¶[0087] ("administration of the compositions of the present invention may be done by any method of administration known in the art").

No new matter is added by this Amendment. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof, is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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